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WEATHER REPORT

Fair tonight and Sunday without decided change in temperature.

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MUSIC IN THE CHURCHES

Programs to be Rendered in Various Houses of Worship in Alexandria on Christmas.

First Baptist Church,, Alexandria, Virginia, December 24th., 1916, 11 A. M.

Organ Prelude—Traumerei, Schuman.

Anthem—Rejoice, 'Tis Christmas Morn, Miles.

Hymn 108—Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, Mendelssohn.

Gloria—Emerson.

Chant—The Lord's Prayer, Gregorian.

Organ, Offertory Prelude—Romance Thorne.

Offertory Solo—Birthday of A King, Neidlinger.

Hymn 104—As with Gladness Men of Old, Kocher.

Sermon—The First Christmas Seekers of Jesus. Rev. E. B. Jackson,

Hymn 116—The Saviour! O What Endless Charms?, Kingsley.

Organ Postlude—Christmas March, Leybach.

7:45 P. M.

Organ Prelude—A Dream of Paradise, Gray.

Anthem—The Herald Angels Sing, Fearis.

Hymn 105—Joy to The World! The Lord is Come, Handel.

Gloria—Faure.

Chant—The Lord's Prayer, Gregorian.

Organ, Offertory, Prelude—Angels Serenade, Braga.

Offertory Anthem—O, Holy Night, Wilson.

Hymn 109 — Hark! What Mean Those Holy Voices, Doane.

Sermon—The Test That Came to Bethlehem. Rev. E. B. Jackson, D.D.

Hymn 271—Come, Says Jesus Sacred Voice, Gottschalk.

Choir.

Sopranos—Mesdames Effie M. Ballenger, T. L. Finks, O. C. Garr, S. W. Pitts, A. J. Ross, P. C. Rush. Misses Virginia Chauncey, Bessie Elliott, S. Catherine Few, Theodocia L. Keene, Kate T. Leef, Mabel Noonan, Sadie M. Pitts, May V. Sutton, Josephine K. Williams.

Altos—Mesdames C. E. Bandy, E. W. Nalls, W. H. Thomas, Misses Anna J. Haslett, Vinnie M. Williams,

Tenors—Messrs. C. E. Bandy, J. L. Foster, Melvin M. Fones, G. E. Sullivan, Walter J. Langley.

Baritone—Mr. J. T. Preston.

Bassos—Messrs. W. R. Gorham, W. P. Kerrick, and Floyd G. Saunders.

Organist—Miss Edna D. Barnett.

Director—Mr. J. T. Preston.

St. Paul's Church Christmas Music.

Processional Hymn No. 49—Adeste Fidelis.

Venite—Robyn.

Gloria Patri,—Robyn.

Te Deum in B-flat—Stuart.

Jubilate in E-flat—Clough.Leighter.

Introit Hymn No. 55—Calm on the Listening Ear of Night, Rogers.

Kyrie—Elvey.

Gloria Tibi—Paxton.

Hymn No. 51—Hark the Herald Angels Sing, Mendelssohn.

Offertory Anthem—Shepherds in the Field Abiding, Bartlett.

Offertory Ascription—Doxology.

Sanctus—Stainer.

Mymn No. 231.

Gloria in Excelsis, —old chant

Recessional Hymn, No. 58,—O Little Town of Bethlehem, Redmer.

Choir.

Soloists— Mrs. Harrie White, soprano; Mrs. Sherman Bruce Fowler, alto; Mr. Kenneth Ogden, tenor; Mr. Wilmer Joyce Waller, bass; and a choir of thirty voices. Mr. Sherman Bruce Fowler, organist and director.

Christ Church.

Recessional Hymn No. 59—It Came Upon the Midnight Clear.

Venite—J. Randall.

Te Deum—Woodward.

Jubilate—Anthem.

Hymn No. 53—Shout The Glad Tidings.

Gloria Tibi—G. M. Garrett.

Hymn No. 58—O Little Town of Bethlehem.

Offertory Anthem —Arise, Shine for Thy Light is Come, G. J. Elvey.

Doxology—L. Bourcois.

Sanctus—S. Wesley.

Communion Hymn No. 228.

Gloria in Excelsis—Old Chant.

Processional Hymn No. 51.—Hark, The Herald Angel's Sing.

Choir.

Sopranos—Mrs. George E. Pickett, Mrs. Julian T. Burke, Mrs. Edward Wells, Mrs. Mary Moore, Mrs. Alexander Slaymaker, Miss Gretta Ludwig, Miss Carol Leadbeater, Miss Marie Gasson, Miss Sarah Cox, Miss Mary Nagel, Miss Kathrin G. Uhler, Miss Mary Bontz, Miss Lucille Taylor, Miss Louise Butts and Miss Louise Shuman.

Altos— Mrs. Charles T. Lindsey, Mrs. Irene Petty, Mrs. Rutledge, Miss Vinnie Williams and Miss Mildred Penn.

Bassos—Mr. Walter C. Foster, Mr. Soloman, Mr. John M. Leadbeater, Mr. Edward Wells and Mr. Raymond Padgett.

Tenors—Mr. Colin Clarke White, Mr. Julian T. Burke, Mr. Jones Cox, Mr. Charles Jones, Mr. Jack Robinson and Dr. Vivian P. Berry.

Dirrector—Mr. Colin Clarke White.

Organist—Mrs. Charles G. Lennon.

Washington Street Methodist Episcopal Church South—Rev. J. W. Duffey, D. D. Pastor—Sunday December 24, 1916

Morning.

Prelude—Shepherd's Song, Gustav Merkle.

Anthem—Arise Shine, I.H.Meredith

Incidental Solo—Mr. M. L. Dinwiddie

Offertory— Peace on Earth, W. Peace.

Incidental Solos—Miss Anna Vierkorn, Mr. Edw. Bilheimer, Mr. M. L. Dinwiddie.

Postlude— Jubilant March, Edwin Solly.

Evening.

Prelude—Cradle Song, Walter Spinney.

Anthem—The Angels Song, J. Truman Wolcott.

Incidental Duet— Miss Vierkorn, and Mr. Bilheimer.

Solo—Mr. Dinwiddie.

Offertory—Behold I Bring, J. W. Lerman.

Incidental Solos—Miss Harriott Pollard, Mr. Bilheimer.

Postlude — March in D, Henry Hackett.

Choir.

Sopranos — Miss Vierkorn, Miss Tarpoint, Miss Davis, Miss Gerlach-

READY FOR CHRISTMAS

Busy Scenes in City Market This Morning While Housekeepers Purchase Supplies for Holiday.

The market was well attended this morning. The court was filled with Christmas trees and the benches occupied by country people were covered with holly, wreathes, streamers, etc., for indoor decorations.

Inside the market the benches of butchers and hucksters presented tempting displays of Christmas meats, poultry and other articles which enter the larder at this season.

Meats showed no weakness in price, while poultry was higher and firm. The better quality of turkeys sold as high as 40 cents a pound, although most o fthe sales were made at 35.

The last Christmas purchases will be made tonight, when the stores will be kept open until midnight.

The Chief of Police will carry out the standing order of the Mayor concerning the use of explosives, and those who may have the temerity to violate city and state laws will do so at their risk.

As the year will expire at midnight on Sunday, the usual accompaniments of the last day in the year in the shape of explosions will, it is expected, be omitted in a measure.

The safe and sane celebration of Christmas and New Year's will be enjoined upon residents of all Virginia cities.

Chief of Police Louis Werner of Richmond has called attention to the orders issued recently to the Police Department with regard to Christmas bonfires, fireworks and other dangerous appliances often employed in celebrating the event.

Torpedo canes, dynamite, or fulminite caps, toy cannon, toy pistols and regular rifles or revolvers are not allowed. No minor may even carry one of the handmaidens of lockjaw. If a minor be found with one in his possession he will be arrested.

Alexandria City and Suburbs

In accordance with its regular custom the Gazette will not be published on Monday next, Christmas day.

Postmaster Smith requests the Gazette to announce that there will be one delivery of mail on Monday morning next, in order to accommodate the public, as the office will be closed tomorrow.

Mrs. Harry Chapman and children are spending the holidays with relatives in Spring City, Pa.

The Elks will send out about one hundred Christmas baskets to worthy families of the city this afternoon. The Salvation Army will distribute baskets to from thirty to forty more families also today.

Studies were suspended yesterday in the various public and private schools of the city for the holiday vacation. Alexandria High School pupils gave a musical and literary program yesterday morning and a Christmas celebration was held at St. Mary's Academy, conducted by the Sisters of the Holy Cross, Thursday afternoon. The Episcopal Theological Seminary closed Thursday and the Episcopal High school yesterday. Prof. Blanton gave a dance in the High school auditorium last evening for the students of the High School. All the schools will reopen on January 2d and 3d.

Miss Flora Caroline Stone and Miss Mildred Fowler Stone, of Kingstan, New York, will be the guests of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Bruce Fowler, for the holidays.

Mrs. Mary S. Pearson, wife of Henry A. Pearson, died at their home near Accotink, this morning, aged 59. The funeral will be held Monday at the Pohick Church.

Mr. Sherwood, the keeper of the Almshouse, wishes to thank the ladies of the city who assisted in making Christmas a happy time for the inmates of that institution.

Lieutenant Colvin, of Culpeper, formerly a member of Stonewall Jackson's Brigade, and J. W. Herndon, his comrade, are visiting the latter's daughter at 919 Cameron street.

Mr. and Mrs. William Franklin White and Master William Franklin White, jr., are spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Altred Cable White near Middleburg, Va.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Methodist Protestant Church at the business meeting elected the following officers: Miss Flora Glasgow, Prsident; Mr. Milton Penn, vice President; Mr. Louis DeMoll, Treasurer; Mr. Norman Roberts, Recording and Corresponding Secretary.

Mr. Charles Bruce Morton and Mr. Clarence Robinson, of the University of Virginia, are at home for the holidays.

The woman's prayer meeting this week will be held at the jail Tuesday at 2.30 p. m. instead of ten o'clock, leader Mrs. Hayden, All women are invited.

Mr. Frank Johnston of the University of Virginia, is the guest of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Robinson, at their home in north Washington street.

Cadet Herman Pohl, of the United States Military Academy, West Point, will arrive tomorrow to spend a week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. August J. Pohl, at their home in Rosemont.

The funeral of Mrs. Harriott Lee Taliaferro will take place tomorrow (Sunday) afternoon at 3:15 o'clock, from Christ Protestant Episcopal Church. The services will be conducted by the Rev. William Jackson Morton, rector of the church.

Two white men, who had been arrested for being drunk on the streets forfeited their collateral by failing to appear in the Police Court this morning. Julia Williams and Elizabeth Green, both colored, were sent to jail for ninety days for larceny.

Grace Church.

Christmas Day—Holy Communion at 7:30 a. m.

Morning

Services at 11 o'clock the special music will be as follows:

Processional Hymn No. 56.

Venite and Gloria Patri-Chant 5 and 6, Jones.

Te Deum—Maunder.

Jubilate—Foster.

Introit Hymn No. 51—"Hark, The Herald Angels Sing."

Kyrie—351 Chant—Elvey.

Gloria Tibe—No. 387.

Hymn before sermon—No. 58, "O, Little Town of Bethlehem."

Gloria Patri after sermon—Chant 24.

Offertory—"Jesus The Son is Born"

Sanctus—Chant 412—Camidge.

Communion Hymn—No. 255.

Gloria in Excelsis—Chant 439—Zenner.

Nunc Dimittis—260.

Recessional Hymn—No. 49, "Oh Come, All Ye Faithful."

Choir.

Miss Stella V Moore, organist.

Mr. William J. Wilkinson, director.

Mr. Norman E. Simpson, crucifer.

Masters Louis Kerns, Herman Rohr, Walter Rush, and Ashton Crupper.

Misses Susie E. Pulman, Mary A. Entwisle, Phoebe J. Deahl, Florence A. Long, Bessie Phillips, Mae Starnell, Mary A. Moore, Helen Barnhouse and Harriet Spofford, Mrs. Charles J. Deahl, Mrs. Florence Wheat, Mrs. George Roop, Mrs. Frommelt, Mrs. Vaughan and Mrs. William H. Thorpe. Messrs Harry Wilkinson, Horace Crump, William H. Meeks, Merrill Lynch, E. T. Estes, Charles J. Deahl, J. C. Winterwerp and Frank T. King.

Harry G. Harriman. organist.

Wm. J. Waller, soloist.

Bedford K. Smith, electrician.

Installation by the retiring Master of Kadosh, Wm. S. Connelly, K. C. C. H.

Officers elected and installed for the year 1917 at the stated communication of Andrew Jackson Lodge, No. 120, held in Masonic Temple on Thursday evening, were:

Worshipful Master — Walter S. Nicklin.

Senior Warden— Richard S. B. Luckett.

Junior Warden—Harry B. Richards.

Treasurer—Wm. Lewis Alleen.

Secretary— James E. Alexander.

Senior Deacon—Elliott H. Hoffman.

Junior Deacon—Fred M. Penn.

Chaplain—Rev. Edgar Carpenter.

Tyler—George W. Zachery.

Senior Steward—C. C. Batchellor.

Junior Steward—George C. Cole.

Organist—Prof. Harry G. Harryman.

FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

Election of Officers and Other News Concerning Alexandria Orders.

Virginia Consistory, No. 2, A. A. S. R., has elected and appointed the followin officers:

H. Noel Garner, Master of Kadosh.

J. William May, Prior.

Arthur A. Paul, Preceptor.

William Lewis Allen, Chancellor.

Samuel W. Pitts, Minister of State.

Alexander M. Sherwood, Prelate.

Frank W. Latham, Registar and Almoner.

James M. Duncan, K. C. C. H. Treasurer.

Boyd J. Richards, Master of Ceremonies.

Vance H. Peele, Expert.

Coleman C. Batchellor, Assistant Expert.

Chester A. Gwinn, Captain of the Guards.

George W. Zachery, Steward.

THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

By CLEMENT C. MOORE.

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house,
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there.
The children were nestled all snug in their beds
While visions of sugar plums danced in their heads,
And Ma in her 'kerchief and I in my cap
Had just settled down for a long winter's nap
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter
I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter:
Away to the window I flew like a flash
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.
The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow
Gave a lustre of midday to objects below,
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer,
With a little old driver so lively and quick
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came;
And he whistled and shouted and called them by name;
'Now Dasher! now Dancer! now Frances and Vixen
On Comet! on Cupid! on Dunder and Blitzer!
To the top of the porch, to the top of the wall!
Now, dash away, dash away, dash away all."
As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky,
So up to the house top the coursers they flew,
With a sleigh full of toys and St. Nicholas too.
And then in a twinkling I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof
As I drew in my head and was turning around
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.
He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot.
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back
And he looked like a pedler just opening his pack.
His eyes how they twinkled! his dimples how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry;
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow.
The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth
And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath.
He had a broad face and a little round belly
That shook when he laughed like a bowl full of jelly.
He was chubby and plump--- a right jolly old elf;
And I laughed when I saw him in spite of myself.
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;
He spoke not a word but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings, then turned with a jerk
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose.
He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle;
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,
"Merry Christmas to all, to all a good night."

THE NEW HOTEL RAMMEL

Announces an Old Virginia Christmas Dinner served Sunday and Monday, December 24 and 25, from 12 to 7 p. m.

MENU

Cherrystone Oysters
As cocktail or half shell.
Celery
Consomme
Chicken or Cream of Clams.
Roast Young Turkey
Cranberry Sauce
Prime Roast Rib Beef
Creamed Cauliflower
Candied Sweet Potatoes
Brown Potatoes
Early Spinach Green Peas
Martha Washington Pie
Old English Plum Pudding
Pumpkin Pie
After Dinner Mints Salted Almonds
Roquefort Cheese Bents
Coffee Tea Postum
Milk Buttermilk

FIERCE STORM ON COAST

Alexandria Escaped High Winds Which Prevailed in Parts of Virginia and Maryland Yesterday.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 23.—A storm of hurricane velocity swept the Atlantic Coast early yesterday, driving ships to seek shelter where they could, causing collisions between ships in Hampton Roads and off Lambert Point and capsizing several small boats near Hampton. So far no report of any loss of life has been received here, but shipping men fear vessels at sea might have fared badly.

The wind reached a velocity of 80 miles an hour in Norfolk and at Cape Henry. It caused the Greek steamer Ambatielos to ram the American steamer Winnecome, off Lamberts Point, and hurled the Greek steamer Anasthasios against the Norwegian steamer Bertsa in Hampton Roads. None of the steamers was badly damaged, but the Anasthasois had part of her railing carried away. The anchors of the ships failed to hold during the blow and the colision could not be avoided. The wind tore the pilot house off a small boat owned by Morewitz Bros., which was lying at a pier at Lamberts Point.

Crisfield, Md., Dec. 22.—Crisfield was visited early yesterday morning by a violent wind storm, which was cyclonic in nature. The storm lasted about 10 minutes. Large plate-glass windows were broken in several stores a large shirt factory was turned half around, all of the slate shingles were torn from the opera house, trees were uprooted all over the town and on the north side of Maryland avenue chimneys on every house were blown down.

Warsaw, Va., Dec. 23.—A high wind early yesterday morning in the neighborhood of Nuttsville, Lancaster county, did great damage to buildings and other property. The roof on the tore of W. T. Richardson was torn away and the dwelling of H. B. Clarke, and large new barn of James Forrester were blown from their foundation.

Harrisonburg, Va., A violent wind and rain storm, with thunder and lightning struck Rockingham yesterday. Houses were unroofed, cattle killed and vehicles blown over in the road. The storm followed a week of snow and cold weather. The electric display was unprecedented for winter.

Frederick, Md., Dec. 23.—Following on the heels of a rainstorm that swept the entire county, a gale, with a velocity of more than 60 miles an hour, tore through this section yesterday, causing thousands of dollars worth of damage.

SWAMPED BY WET GOODS.

Express Companies Impose Embargoes on Liquor Shipments.

Baltimore, Dec. 23.—The Christmas demand for liquor of various kinds for the dry States of Virginia, West Virginia and the Carolinas, most of which is supplied by Baltimore mail order houses in this trade, has swamped the express companies from this cit ywhich serve these sections. The greatest stress has been laid on Adams Express Company and its subsidiary, the Southern Express Company. Receipts of package liquor shipments from Baltimore have been piling heavily on these two for the past week, and at noon yesterday they shut down on further receipts until 9 o'clock this morning, by which time it is hoped the congestion may be somewhat relieved.

THE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

The community Christmas tree has been placed in position on the grounds at the head of King street and is in readiness for the services which will be held there tomorrow evening at six o'clock.

Everybody is cordially invited to attend the service and join in the singing which will be led by a choir of hundreds of voices.

Lynnhaven Bay Oysters on Half Shell, Pint or Gallon. Jacob Brill, Foot King Street.

When in Washington and hungry, stop at Schneider's Restaurant 12th street opposite Raleigh.

CROSSING AT LORTON'S

Killing of Two Alexandrian's By Railway Train on Thursday Directs Attention to Menace.

The sad fate of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Grimes, of this city, who had their lives snuffed out by a fast passenger train on the grade crossing at Lorton Station, on the Washington Southern Railway, has sent horror throughout this section of the country. This dangerous crossing has often been commented upon, and on several occasions automobilists have had narrow escapes in crossing the rails at that point. People of the capital city are incensed that such a menace to human life should have been tolerated until a frightful accident has occurred.

The Corporation Commission will doubtless take action, and the railway company and the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax county will act together in bringing about safe conditions at this crossing as soon as possible.

Automobilists from every section of the United States now use the road from Alexandria to Pohick Church, Occoquan and other places in that neighborhood, and demands for an elimination of this dreaded crossing are being made.

The dangerous grade crossing at the approach to the Telegraph Road on the confines of Alexandria where for years people virtually took their lives in their hands in crossing half a dozen railway tracks, was not eliminated until several frightful accidents had occurred.

A Wasington paper yesterday in speaking of the crossing at Lorton's said:

One of the few good roads in eastern Virginia runs from Washington to Occoquan and is much used by motorists. In respect to its surface it is an excellent highway, but it has several highly dangerous features, partly the result of economical engineering and partly in consequence of inattention to the necessities of public safety by either the state or the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railway Company. At Lorton a road crosses the tracks of this railroad in such a manner as to invite disaster at every hour of the day. All who have used this road have felt that the Lorton crossing was a death trap. On Thursday this was proved by the hitting of an automobile by a train, causing the death of two occupants. A coroner's jury has called attention to the conditions and demanded their correction.

At this point the road is marked by a steep grade. The aproach to the tracks from the east is tortuous, with little space for turning on account of a deep ravine on the left. It is not uncommon for motors to be stalled at the crest of the hill, virtually on the tracks. On the other side the road reaches the tracks through a cut, one bank of which completely obscures the view, while opposite are buildings which likewise prevent a sight of any train that may be approaching. With the utmost precaution short of stopping and going ahead on foot to ascertain the conditions it is impossible for road users to cross the tracks with any degree of safety.

ORDER FRATERNAL AMERICANS

Alexandria Council, No. 5, Order Fraternal Americans, still continues to add to its lodge, an ever increasing membership. The Council held its semi-monthly meeting Thursday evening in Potomac Hall and following routine work, the initiatory degree was conferred upon one candidate, oneapplicant was received by reinstatement and one application for membership received and several candidates awaiting degrees.

The committee on good of the order reported plans for intersting meetings during the winter.

The annual election of officers resulted as follows: President, Robt. T. Lucas; Vice President, L. H. DeVaughn; Recording Secretary, James R. Mansfield; Assistant Secretary, F. S. Lucas; Financial Secretary, Fred W. Ebhardt; Treasurer, O. H. Daniels; Marshall , Harry Lyles; Warden, James Lloyd; Chaplain, L. D. Lyles; I. S., Thos. Simpson; O. S., J. L. Kimball; Trustee, three years, James H. Mansfield; Representative to Grand Council, Robt. J. Ayers; Alternate, Representative; Morris McKenny; Captain of Degree Team, Earnest Carnell;

The officers will be duly installed by Deputy State President, Robt. J. Ayers, January 4, 1917.

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THE BABE OF BETHLEHEM

Though once cradled in a manger,
Oft no pillow but the sod,
Here an alien and a stranger,
Mocked of men, though Son of God.
All creation
Yet shall own Thy Kingly rod.

While a large portion of the people of the civilized portion of the globe are up in arms defiantly rejecting overtures looking to the bringing to a close of the frightful war which has been in progress over two years, churches will be filled with men, women and children in less than forty-eight hours celebrating the birth of the Prince of Peace. The Kaiser still insists that he is the instrument of God in the Titanic struggle for supremacy against the English-speaking races, while his adversaries are making the same claim.

Many sad scenes have been enacted in this world since the babe of Bethlehem nestled upon His Mother's bosbosom in the Judean caravansary. He came to the planet without the blare of trumpets, and but few knew He was here. The angels passed over palaces and mansions of the great to make this greatest of all announcements to humble shepherds watching their flocks by night, and they only heard the notes of the celestial choir. Their words, "Glory to God in the highest; peace on earth to men of good will," entered only into the ears of such—not to those who live by the sword and are to perish by the sword.

Later we are told wise men came from the East inquiring for the newly-born King of the Jews. They had been led by a star to a manger in which the wonderful child was ensconced.

There has from time immemorial been speculation as to the identity of these wise men. Most readers take it for granted they were Chaldean or Persian astronomers, who had, their attention arrested by a luminous planet and were led by it to the infant Christ. It is generally assumed that there were but three wise men, although the record does not state how many composed the party. They asked the whereabouts of the King of the Jews, which is significant.

Probably the most plausible theory is that they were of Hebrew descent, doubtless representatives of the Lost Tribes of Israel, students of prophecy who believed in the coming of a literal King of the Jews. Evidently Herod was of the same belief, as when the scribes directed his attention to the prophecy which said He would be born in Bethlehem and that He would rule over the people of Israel the Roman ruler attempted to destroy Him by massacreing all male children of that age in Bethlehem.

It has often occurred to those who read the Bible closely and literally and believe it that this Babe of Bethlehem is destined to play a startling part in this world's history some day. He was born in Bethlehem, but the latter part of the prophecy is yet to be fulfilled. "He is to rule over my people Israel" are the significant words.

The terrible convulsions now in evidence in this world may be the pre prelude to a changed order of things in the near future. Who can tell what sudden transitions may take place in a short time?

Among the last words uttered to the human race by this Wonderful Being on a small island in the Aegean Sea were: "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending which is, and which was, and which is to come."

Since those words were spoken the Theseum and Parthenon of the Acropolis have fallen into decay, the temple of Diana at Ephesus has been obliterated and the many gods and goddesses of Greece and Rome have been relegated to the owls and bats, and people throughout the civilized world have for centuries observed the anniversary of the birth of the Babe of Bethlehem as they will again do Monday.

The Gazette wishes its readers a joyful Christmas, and while the day will be observed elsewhere by the fog of battle, we should be thankful that we live in a country where we can praise the Redeemer, who said, "Peace, be still," to the tempest on the Lake of Gennesaret, and who, some day, we are assured, will "bid all earth's storms and tumults cease."

ANOTHER "BLACK FRIDAY."

Scenes on the New York Stock Exchange yesterday were akin to those of 1868 and 1873 when hundreds of people previously well-to-do had their all wiped out in less time than it takes to tell it. Several persons committed suicide when they found themselves virtually beggars. Jay Gould and James Fish, operators of those days, who it was alleged had run up the price of gold, barely escaped being mobbed. In 1873 the failure of Jay Cooke and Co., reproduced similar scenes. This collapse brought on a period of depression which lasted several years. The country swarmed with tramps while cobwebs formed in factories where all was as silent as Tara' Hall.

Hundreds of human tragedies were written into brokers' account books in New York yesterday. They were spelled in "account closed." Conservative Wall street men estimated that the number of small speculators wiped out financially in this week's panic-stricken market will reach far into the thousands. "Not until now," said a broker, "has even Wall street itself realized the enormous number of small speculators. It's going to be a tough Christmas for most of them." The Street was filled with stories of losses. One man, 63, who made a fortune in real estate before the panic of 1907, and who invested in stocks in 1909, was wiped out. One broker told of a school teacher, who had inherited $15,000. She caught the fever on submarine boat buying at 45. Yesterday the stock was selling around 25, and she was wiped out.

FOR SALE — Black fur overcoat, a bargain for some man. Call at C. M. Schwab, tailor, Alexandria, 299-2t.

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WOMAN WANTS DAMAGES

Miss Beatrice M. Stevens asks $15,000 from the Gate City, Mo., Directory Company for designating her as a "seamstress" in the 1912 directory. She asks in a suit filed an additional $50,000 for an error made in the directory issued in 1915. Miss Stevens' petition says she has been irreparable damaged.

Stephen Girard always called himself a sailor and Benjamin Franklin was proud to call himself a printer, and after having become one of the most prominent men in America he purchased a small printing outfit and would often set type as a relief for the mind.

When the Jewish commonwealth was at its zenith all males were compelled to acquire trades. The rule applied to rich and poor alike, and a man who had neglected to acquaint himself with some useful occupation was looked upon with contempt. Hence the great St. Paul was a tentmaker, and when his condition required it wrought with Aquila and Priscilla at this calling.

Congress adjourned yesterday for the Christmas holidays to reconvene January 2. In the three weeks of the session the House passed five government supply measures, the urgent deficiency, legislative, Indian, District and diplomatic and consular appropriation bills, more than ever were passed before in a period preceding a holiday recess. One of these bills, the urgent deficiency, has passed the Senate.

Joseph P. Wilson, well-known Carolina hotel man, was killed Thursday when he drove his automobile head on into a wagon seven miles north of Charlotte, N. C., The tongue of the wagon struck Mr. Wilson in the head, death following in thirty minutes.

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Atmore's (seedless) Mincemeat, Pound	12½c
Atmore's Plum Pudding, tin	25c
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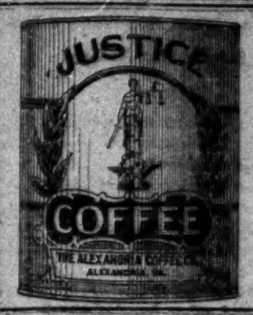

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PEACE PROSPECTS

Germany Elated Over President Wilson's Note to Belligerents

Berlin, Dec 23—Jubilant applause is the most accurate way to discribe the reception which President Wilson's note to the belligerents found at the hands of the German press and public.

The German people were virtually resigned to the view that the central powers' peace proposals had fallen upon deaf ears, in the entente countries They had been led to this view by the defiant speeches of the British, French, Russian and Italian statesmen. The American note, however, revived hopes over night. The consensus in that the allies cannot fail to heed the impressive and earnest words of the American President

London, Dec, 23—Dispatch from The Reigns says it is announced unofficially that should the entente allies, in their reply to the peace proposals of the central powers, leave the door open for negotiations Germany will make known her chief peace terms immediately.

The German newspapers which contain the announcement declare that the speeches of Premier Lloyd George and Premier Briand do not contain a single word which justifies the supposition that the answer of the entente powers will deliberately reject Germany's peace offer, and that, therefore, the German government will define its attitude after receipts of the reply of the entente allies.

Alfred C. Bedford, vice president and treasurer of the Standard Oil Company, of New Jersey, was yesterday elected president of the concern to succed the late John D. Archbold. The new head of the Standard Oil Company is 52 years old, and has been with the parent company or its subsidiaries since he was 18 years old.

KILLED IN ACCIDENT

Fireman Houchens, of Charlottesville, Dead in Wreck

Charlottesville, Va., Dec., 23—Fireman F. Earl Houchens, aged 24, of this city, was instantly killed; Engineer Mason E. Lane, of this city, was probably fatally injured, and Brakeman Luther E. Meeks received a scalp wound in a wreck on the Chesapeake and Ohio at Fredericks Hill early yesterday afternoon.

Eastbound local train No. 54, in charge of Conductor C. A. Harris, of this city, was standing on the main line, when westbound through freight No. 95, with extra passenger equipment, and having right of way, rounded a sharp curve, and crashed head-on into the local. Engineer A. Short, of the local, was in the telegraph tower, but Houchens, his fireman, was caught in the cab and killed outright.

After applying the emergency brakes, Engineer Lane, of the through freight, jumped as did his fireman, Arthur Brooks. The former sustained internal injuries and was rushed to a local hospital. Brooks escaped with slight bruises.

Both engines and four cars of the local were badly wrecked, and the main line blocked for hours.

Fireman Houchens was a native of Palmyra, Fluvanna county and was married last June.

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Those having personal needs to supply or gift furs to buy will save splendidly by heeding our BEFORE XMAS OVERSTOCKED SALE.

To minimize possibilities of having surplus stocks to carry over after after the holidays, prices have been generously reduced on many desirable Sets, Coats, odd pieces, Etc. MAKE YOUR SELECTIONS NOW.

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Light One for Your Window Christmas Eve.

In many cities the lighting of what is called the Christmas candle, and placing it in a window, is a custom which is being carried out by a great many families.

Writing concerning the matter, John H. Stedman, of Rochester, N. Y., says:

"Christmas eve falls on Sunday this year, and we shall enjoy it the more for the peaceful interval between the preparation for the holiday and its celebration. We shall all be at home too when the sun goes down and the twilight falls, and every one of us can light a candle and place it in the window and know the joy of sending its kindly glow out into the darkness to guide the wandering feet of the Christ-child and to light a welcoming pathway for the Babe of Bethlehem to our home.

"That this tender thought kindles a double flame—in the window and in the heart— is manifest in its eager adoption in the city, town and country wherever the suggestion comes.

"Every house should glitter in His honor, so light your candles and warm your hearts; and if you would thrill and tingle with the Christmas spirit through the Yuletide, go out and look about you, and see how many thousand hearts remember that it is Christmas ev and in how many thousand homes the star of Bethlehem is reflected.

Here's the Candle Poem

This is the poem, "The Christ Candle," that Mr. Steadman recommends to those who are in pursuit of the true Christmas spirit:

Little taper set to-night,
Throw afar they tiny light;
Up and down the darksome street
Guide the tender wandering feet.
Of the lowly Christ-child sweet.
He is coming in the snow,
As he came so long ago,
When the stars set o'er the hill,
When the town is darfk and still,
Comes to do the Father's will.
Little taper spread thy ray,
Make His pathway light as day
Let each door be opened wide
For this guest of Christmas tide,
Dearer than all else beside.
Little Christ-child come to me,
Let my heart Thy shelter be;
Such a home Thou wilt not scorn;
So the bells of Christmas morn
Glad shall ring, "A Christ is born."

VIRGINIA NEWS

State Senator G. Walter Mapp, of Accomac, one of the authors of the prohibition law, is to make his formal announcement of entry into the contest for attorney general in the primaries of next year.

Fire was discovered in the basement of Lavenstein, Inc., department stores, of North Sycamore street, in Petersburg, Thursday night. The firm occupies two four-story brick buildings. One store is used for men's clothing and haberdashery, and the other for dry goods and notions. The stock in both buildings was valued at $40,000 upon which there was insurance of $20,000. The fire was confined to the interior of the stores, and the stock was badly damaged by smoke and water. The loss is estimated at $35,000.

Capt. W. C. Matt, of the Richmond Fire Department, was killed and two other firemen were seriously injured Thursday night when they fell from a ladder while fighting a fire which destroyed the warehouse of the Imperial Coffee Company in Richmond entailing a loss of $100,000.

Even the ill wind that caused the steamer Powhatan to be rammed and sunk a week ago in Chesapeake Bay, brought joy to many dry persons. The Powhatan has a hole in her side about 50 feet long. Through this considerable freight drifted and was cast upon the beach at Willoughby Spit, among it several barrels of whisky, In Virginia, with the State dry just seven weeks, whisky is whisky. The authorities have been unable to find any whisky that floated ashore and failed to find anybody who found it. They are praying that another hole breaks in that ship.

All candidates for division superintendent of public instruction must file their applications on blanks to be obtained from the department of public instruction not later than February 1. There are 103 of these to be chosen. The state board of education has also amended the rules regarding the qualifications of division superintendents, the effect of which may be to remove many from the service. Another provision is that the board will not receive political indorsements of candidates and will not receive indorsements from persons who do not personally know men whom they indorse.

A great program of naval expansion which, by the end of 1923 will give Japan overwhelming superiority over all other fleets in the Pacific, including that of the United States, is officially announced Beginning in 1918 the government will transfer yearly $10,000,000 from the sinking fund to the naval construction fund. This step was decided on, the minister of finance stated today, after the government had reached the conclusion that the increase of the navy is more urgent than redemption of the national debt.

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Wish a

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Happy New Year

To One and All

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AUCTION SALE

Of desirable resident property in Braddock, Alexandria, Virginia.

By virtue of a deed of trust bearing date on the 30th day of September, 1913, and recorded among the land records of Alexandria County, Virginia in Deed Book 140, page 27, executed by Robert Elliott and wife to George E. Warfield and Harry B. Caton, to secure the payment of certain notes in the said deed of trust fully described and set forth, default having been made in the payment of the principal note and two interest notes, and at the request and by the direction of the holders of said notes the undersigned Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Royal Street entrance to the Market Building in the City of Alexandria, on Saturday, January 6th, 1917, at 12:00 o'clock M. all that tract or parcel of land together with the improvements thereon formerly situated in Jefferson Magisterial District, Alexandria county, Virginia, but by the extension of the boundaries of the City of Alexandria now situated in said City of Alexandria, Virginia, and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a locust stake which is North 1 degree 47' 30" East 38 feet and North 88 degrees 12' 30" West 24 feet from the stake at the southwest corner of the property which by deed dated December 4, 1911, and recorded in Deed Book 131, page 459 of the land records of Alexandria County, Virginia, was conveyed by Robert Elliott to Mary T. Lukens; thence parallel with said Lukens' West line south 1 degree 47' 30" West 72.41 feet to a locust stake; thence North 88 degrees 12' 30" West 110 feet to a locust stake; thence North 1 degree 47' 30" East 72.41 feet to a locust stake; thence South 88 degrees 12' 30" East 110 feet to the beginning, containing 7,965 square feet agreeably to a survey thereof made October 1, 1913 by George E. Garrett Surveyor, and being part of Villa Site No 16 on the plat of the Northwest Alexandria Improvement Company of record in the land records of Alexandria County in Deed Book U, No. 4, page 60, and which was conveyed to the said Robert Elliott by the Northwest Alexandria Improvement Company by deed dated April 14, 1905, recorded in Deed Book 111, page 153 of the land records of said County.

Terms of sale; One-third cash, balance in equal instalments payable six and twelve months after date, with interest at six per cent secured by deed of trust. All conveyancing at the cost of the purchaser, who will be required to make a deposit of $50 when property is struck off.

GEORGE E. WARFIELD
HARRY B. CATON
299-td Trustees.

To our many friends and patrons we wish a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, with an abundance of health and prosperity.

Alexandria Laundry Co.

NOTICE ANNUAL MEETING

The Citizens National Bank
Alexandria, Va.
December 9th 1916.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank, will be held at the Banking House, on Tuesday, January the 9th, 1917., between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 1 p. m., for the election of directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting.

RICHARD M. GREEN, Cashier.
288-4w.

ALEXANDRIA NATIONAL BANK

ALEXANDRIA, VA., December 9, 1916—The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank will be held at its banking house on Tuesday, the 9th day of January 1917, at 12 o'clock noon, for the election of directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

J. L. PERRY, Cashier,
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Store Closed All Day Monday

ANNUAL MEETINGS

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The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Alexandria Iron Works will be held at the office, corner Wilkes and Royal streets, Alexandria, Virginia, December 30th, 1916, at 8.30 a. m. By order of the president.

A. S. MANKIN, Secretary.
292 td.

NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the members of the Independent Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Fairfax county, Va., will be held at the Company's office, Royal and Prince Streets, in Alexandria, Va., Monday, January 8, 1917, at ten o'clock A. M.

WALTER ROBERTS, President.
295-td

LEGAL NOTICE

A meeting of the stockholders of Williams, Belmont and Co., Incorporated, will be held at the principal office of the Company, 128 S. Fairfax Street, City of Alexandria, Virginia, on the 26th day of December, 1916, at 11:00 o'clock a. m.

The object of the meeting is to amend section 4 of the Charter of the Corporation and to provide for an increase of Capital stock to the total amount of $480,000., of which 37,500 shares of the par value of $10.00 each shall be preferred stock, and 52,500 shares of the par value of $2.00 each shall be common stock, And further to provide conditions and rules relating to said stock.

B order of the Board of Directors
JOSEPH H. SCHOENBERGER,
Secretary.
J. K. M. Norton, Attorney 289.12t.

NOTICE ANNUAL MEETING

First National Bank,
Alexandria, Virginia,
December 9th, 1916.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of this Bank will be held at the banking house on Tuesday, January 9th, 1917, at eleven o'clock, a. m., for the election of Directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

GEORGE E. WARFIELD,
Cashier.
289-td.

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE—That the undersigned will, on the 16th day of January, 1917, or as soon thereafter as his application may be heard, make application to the Corporation Court of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, for license to order, purchase or receive pure grain, ethyl or pure fruit alcohol, for the use of the laboratory of the Alexandria Fertilizer and Chemical Company in the City of Alexandria, Virginia, not to be used contrary to the provisions of chapter 146 of the Acts of Assembly of Virginia of 1916.

D. MILTON FRENCH,
Chemist in charge of Laboratory.
Dec 23-30-Jan.-6..

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Iowa Apartment House Company for the election of a Board of Directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of other business, will be held at No. 107 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Va., January 9th 1917 at 10 o'clock A. M.

CHARLES D. WALCOTT, Pres.
A. M. McLACHLEN, Secretary.
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NOTICE

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Ontario Apartment House Company for the election of a board of Directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of other business, will be held at No. 107 North Fairfax St., Alexandria, Va., January 9th, 1917, at 10:30 o'clock A. M.

CHARLES D. WALCOTT, Pres.
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